

p.m.; September 21, 1995—12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Shah A. Choudhury, Executive Secretary, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), 3400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3400; telephone (703) 697-7475.

Dated: August 8, 1995.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer Department of Defense.

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Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The topics to be covered are partnership successes within DoD and action items related to the Defense Partnership Council Plan of Action.

DATES: The meeting is to be held Wednesday, September 6, 1995, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by September 1, 1995, in order to be considered at the September 6 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd, Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-6301, ext. 704.

Dated: August 8, 1995.

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Defense Science Board Task Force on Readiness, Phase II

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Readiness, Phase II will meet in closed session on August 23, 1995 at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. In order for the Task Force to obtain time sensitive classified briefings, critical to the understanding of the issues, this meeting is scheduled on short notice.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will provide advice, recommendations, and supporting rationale on the components of a Readiness Early Warning System to insure that our forces do not become "hollow," and, where deficiencies may begin to emerge, to suggest corrective actions.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1988)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting, concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1988), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: August 8, 1995.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos.: 84.116A; 84.116B]

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Comprehensive Program (Preapplication and Applications); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1996

Purpose of Program: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education or combinations of such institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

Deadline For Transmittal Of

Preapplications: October 18, 1995.

Deadline For Transmittal Of Final Applications: March 18, 1996.

Note: All applicants must submit a preapplication to be eligible to submit a final application.

Deadline For Intergovernmental

Review: May 18, 1996.

Applications Available: August 17, 1995.

Available Funds: The Administration's request for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education for FY 1996 is \$17,543,000. Of this amount, it is anticipated that approximately \$5,325,000 will be available for an estimated 75 new awards under the Comprehensive Program. The Congress has not yet completed action on the FY 1996 appropriation. The estimates in this notice assume passage of the Administration's request.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$15,000 to \$150,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size Of Awards: \$71,000.

Estimated Number Of Awards: 75.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, and 86, with the exceptions noted in 34 CFR 630.4a(2); and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 630.

Priorities

Absolute Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), 34 CFR 630.12 and 34 CFR 630.11(a), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects that respond to immediate problems or issues and that seek to improve postsecondary education opportunities.

Invitational Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) and 34 CFR 630.12, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet one or more of the following invitational priorities. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive

or absolute preference over other applications:

Invitational Priority 1—Applications to support new ways of ensuring equal access to postsecondary education, and to improve rates of retention and program completion, especially for low-income and underrepresented minority students, whose retention and completion rates continue to lag disturbingly behind those of other groups.

Invitational Priority 2—Applications to create programs that prepare students for entering the workforce and that serve the continuing education and retraining needs of workers.

Invitational Priority 3—Applications to improve the campus climate by creating an environment that is safe, welcoming, and conducive to learning for all students.

Invitational Priority 4—Applications to restructure institutions in ways that reassert the primacy of teaching and learning; and to increase learning productivity—that is, to transform programs and teaching to promote more student learning relative to institutional resources expended.

Invitational Priority 5—Applications to promote cooperation between colleges and universities and elementary and secondary schools in order to improve students' preparation for, access to, and success in college. In particular, the Secretary seeks innovative school-college partnerships to improve articulation and develop new ways to improve both pre-service and in-service teacher education at both the elementary and secondary level.

Invitational Priority 6—Applications to support innovative reforms of undergraduate, graduate, and professional curricula that improve not only what students learn, but how they learn.

Invitational Priority 7—Applications to support the development of faculty as professionals by assessing and rewarding effective teaching; helping institutions and faculty find ways to increase their emphasis on teaching and other means of involvement with student learners; promoting new and more effective teaching methods; and improving the preparation—especially the teaching skills—of graduate students who will be future faculty members.

Invitational Priority 8—Recognizing that many innovative postsecondary educational programs have already been locally developed and implemented, the Secretary invites applicants to disseminate these programs to other institutions.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 630.32:

(a) **Significance for Postsecondary Education.** The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its significance in improving postsecondary education by determining the extent to which it would—

(1) Address an important problem or need;

(2) Represent an improvement upon, or important departure from, existing practice;

(3) Involve learner-centered improvements;

(4) Achieve far-reaching impact through improvements that will be useful in a variety of ways and in a variety of settings; and

(5) Increase the cost-effectiveness of services.

(b) **Feasibility.** The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its feasibility by determining the extent to which—

(1) The proposed project represents an appropriate response to the problem or need addressed;

(2) The applicant is capable of carrying out the proposed project, as evidenced by, for example—

(i) The applicant's understanding of the problem or need;

(ii) The quality of the project design, including objectives, approaches, and evaluation plan;

(iii) The adequacy of resources, including money, personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies;

(iv) The qualifications of key personnel who would conduct the project; and

(v) The applicant's relevant prior experience;

(3) The applicant and any other participating organizations are committed to the success of the proposed project, as evidenced by, for example—

(i) Contribution of resources by the applicant and by participating organizations;

(ii) Their prior work in the area; and

(iii) The potential for continuation of the proposed project beyond the period of funding (unless the project would be self-terminating); and

(4) The proposed project demonstrates potential for dissemination to or adaptation by other organizations, and shows evidence of interest by potential users.

(c) **Appropriateness of Funding Projects.** The Secretary reviews each application to determine whether

support of the proposed project by the Secretary is appropriate in terms of availability of other funding sources for the proposed activities.

Under 630.32, the Secretary determines the methods that will be used in applying the selection criteria.

For preapplications (preliminary applications), the Secretary will give greater weight to the selection criteria under *Significance for Postsecondary Education*. The Secretary will give equal weight to *Feasibility*, and *Appropriateness of Funding Projects*. For final applications (applications), all criteria are equally important. Within each of these criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the subcriteria. In applying the criteria, the Secretary first analyzes a preapplication or application in terms of each individual criterion and subcriterion. The Secretary then bases the final judgment of an application on an overall assessment of the degree to which the applicant addresses all section criteria.

For Applications or Information Contact: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Room 3100, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, to order applications or for information. Individuals may also request applications by submitting the name of the competition, their name, and postal mailing address to the e-mail address FIPSE@ED.GOV. Individuals may obtain the application text from Internet address <http://www.ed.gov/prog—info/FIPSE/>. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135-1135a-3.

Dated: August 7, 1995.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Financial Assistance Award Intent to Award a Grant to Fusion Lighting, Incorporated for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

AGENCY: U. S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Non-Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.6(a)(5), it is making a discretionary financial assistance award based on the criterion set forth at 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i)(A) to Fusion Lighting, Incorporated under proposed grant number DE-FG01-95EE23796. Total estimated funding in the amount of \$2,620,000 over a period of two years will be provided to Fusion Lighting for this effort. The Department of Energy will provide funding to Fusion Lighting to continue development of both the high and low power versions of the high efficiency Sulfur Lamp (S-Lamp). The following work will be done on each of the following sub-systems common to both the high and low power lamps: (1) development of an electrical power supply for converting power from an electrical power main to radio frequency (RF) or microwave frequency; and (2) output from the power supply (RF or microwave) is matched and coupled to the light emitting bulb.

The Department of Energy has determined in accordance with 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i)(A) that the "the activity is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation or renewal of, an activity presently being funded by the Department of Energy or another Federal agency, and for which competition for support would have a significant adverse effect on continuity or completion of the activity." The continuity of the effort is critical at this time in order to maintain research momentum and research staff. It is also highly important to follow up as soon as possible on consequences and applications related to the initial discovery and development of the lamp.

Fusion Lighting has been involved in the development of both low and high power versions for the S-Lamp. They have identified personnel and resources capable of performing the activities, and

they have extensive experience related to this research.

This award will serve the public by supporting efforts to develop an illumination source which is energy efficient and environmentally friendly. This technology could result in considerable savings for consumers in electric energy expenditures, as well as reductions in environmental pollutants produced by electrical generating plants.

The period of performance is two years from the date of award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Placement and Administration, Attn: Berta Schreiber, HR-561.21, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20036.

Bertha Schreiber,

Headquarters Operations, Division B, Office of the Associate Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Headquarters Procurement Operations

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Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 22, 1995: 1:30 pm-5:30 pm.

ADDRESS: Carson County Square House Museum, 5th and Elsie, Panhandle, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Williams, Program Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806)477-3121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

Tentative Agenda

1:30 pm Welcome— Agenda Review—
Introductions
1:40 pm Co-Chairs' Comments
2:00 pm Task Force Reports—
Discussion

Public Participation/Public
Information

Environmental Restoration
Site-wide Environmental Impact
Statements

Future of the Nuclear Complex
Waste Management

3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm Presentation—Draft Site
Treatment Plan—Discussion Panel

4:15 pm Updates

Occurrence Reports—DOE

4:30 pm Subcommittee Reports

- Budget and Finance
- Policy and Personnel
- Program and Training
- Community Outreach
- Nominations

5:30 pm Adjourn.

Public comment will be taken periodically throughout the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Written comments will be accepted at the address above for 15 days after the date of the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tom Williams' office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests should be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting, due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806)371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 pm on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806)537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available